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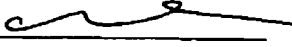
Claims 1-81 were pending. By virtue of the Amendment filed March 28, 2005, claims 1-9 and 60-80 were withdrawn from consideration; claims 19-21 and 40-57 were cancelled. By virtue of the present Supplemental Amendment, claims 27 and 30 are amended and new claims 82 and 83 are added. Accordingly, claims 10-18, 22-39, 58, 59 and 81-83 are under consideration. Claims 27 and 30 are amended to separate alternative embodiments into separate claims. Support for amended claims 27 and 30, and new claims 82 and 83, can be found throughout the original application, and *inter alia*, in the original claims 27 and 30.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 532212000623. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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